

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

On July 19th, 2014, the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans (the Council) will host a panel of Legislators and Commissioners to speak on the most significant outcomes of the 2014 legislative session, including the minimum wage bill, Women's Economic Security Act, Safe Schools Act, Housing Opportunities Made Equitable (HOME) bill, LEAPs Act, tax policy and other appropriations.

These legislative changes are the most impactful to the lives of Asian Pacific Minnesotans. This is your chance to learn about how you, your family, and your community will be affected by recently passed legislation and to talk directly with legislators.

The program includes time for the panel to summarize key legislation and its impact in the lives of Asian Pacific Minnesotans and an opportunity to network with legislators and commissioners. The panel will feature legislators on both sides of aisle.

Through this event, the Council hopes to create a venue to inform Asian Pacific Minnesotans on key policy provisions that have a bearing on their lives, to bridge elected officials to constituents in order to foster direct communication and relationship-building, and to notify community members of ways to engage in the policy-making process next session.

It is up to our community to educate our legislators so that they make decisions that will allow us to share in the opportunities that are so uniquely Minnesotan and American.

The Council encourages community members, leaders, activists, organizers, and anyone who works with the Asian Pacific Minnesotan population to attend our 2014 legislative session recap. Registration for the event can be completed at:

http://legisrecap14.eventbrite.com

Questions can be directed to <a href="mailto:Karina.Vang@state.mn.us">Karina.Vang@state.mn.us</a> or at (651) 757-1740.

The Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, created in 1985, is a state agency that advises the Minnesota state legislature and Governor's office on issues pertaining to the Asian Pacific community.